

over, I do not consider any institution, much less a charitable one, has any right to trifle with a girl's health, *often her only capital*, by compelling her to work under such arrangements. I consider the word "disastrous" aptly describes the suggestion made by the medical staff at Bart's to house the nursing staff in an outside Home, and that if the Governors adopt the suggestion in opposition to the unanimous opinion of their own Matron and nursing staff, corroborated as it is by that of your experienced correspondents, they will be acting with a total lack of sense and good feeling.

Yours truly,

A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

[We believe that there is now no likelihood of the new Nurses' Home at St. Bartholomew's being erected further away from the hospital than in a position which can be reached by a subway.—Ed.]

### STEALING OUR "THUNDER."

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I observe that the R.B.N.A. have dropped out the "Matrons' Council" from appointing a representative on their suggested Central Board under the revised constitution. How like them! As it is the only society of nurses which has consistently worked for State Registration for ten years, it is, of course, the only one disqualified by this extraordinary body to take part in carrying it out! The Jubilee Institute, and for the past ten years the R.B.N.A., have strenuously opposed our claim to legal status. They have, therefore, been nominated to appoint representatives! Coming events cast their shadows before them, and if this R.B.N.A. Board is to be packed by nominees of societies who have no sympathy with the principles which underlie Registration, we nurses must have a care that we do not permit ourselves to be "nobbled" a second time. All these details must be made known to those who are really in sympathy with the nurses' cause, and the whole conduct of the R.B.N.A. of late years has proved that they are entirely out of touch with the educated class of nurse, and have only, as Miss Dock says, attempted to "steal our thunder" when they wake up to the fact that we are going to get Registration in spite of their obstruction. I consider the fact that Mr. Fardon took the chair at the recent meeting of the R.B.N.A. to consider a Bill for State Registration of Nurses adding "insult to injury," and treating the whole Association with contempt, as it is only a few weeks ago at a General Council Meeting that he was outvoted in attempting to prevent the R.B.N.A. Bill going forward at all.

Yours truly,

A MEMBER OF THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

[It is within our knowledge that many members of the R.B.N.A. share the opinion of our correspondent.—Ed.]

### OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of one guinea, which I have been so fortunate in winning.

I am, yours truly, H. SETTLE.

Ongar Hill House, Addlestone.

## Arrangements for the Berlin Congress.

Miss Mollett, Matron, Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, is making arrangements to conduct a party of twenty to Berlin in June next, to attend the International Congress of Women, and the meeting of the International Council of Nurses. Those wishing for further information should apply to Miss Mollett.

## Comments and Replies.

*One Interested in Nurses.*—There can be no doubt that whenever a Bill for the Registration of Trained Nurses becomes law due consideration will be given to the claims of nurses with such qualifications as you detail to be placed upon the Register.

*Ward Sister.*—It is advisable, in applying for a post, to have copies of all testimonials—which should, of course, include one from the Matron of the hospital in which you are working—typed or printed, and forwarded with a covering letter to all members of the Committee of Management of the institution concerned. As to whether you should call upon the members of the Committee, you must be guided by the terms of the advertisement. In some cases this would disqualify you for appointment. It is optional whether selected candidates should appear before the Committee in uniform. Personally, for a Matron's post, we should say preferably not.

*Mrs. Charlesworth.*—The question whether or no the franchise of lay electors on the Representative Church Council shall be extended to women is one of great importance. If Churchmen, in the twentieth century, show themselves so intolerant as to deny women this elementary right, they must expect to alienate the women whose adhesion is best worth keeping. It has been stated that, whether women are granted this franchise or not, their adhesion is secure. This appears to us an unworthy argument; moreover, it is as untrue as it is unworthy.

## Notices.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the legal registration of trained nurses will find an application form on page vii., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

### CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

### OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page viii.

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